



Began Jan. 2 and Lasts All Through the Month.

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Few opportunities come to a community to buy high grade merchandise at such saving prices.

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Our entire stock is being offered during the month at discounts that are astonishing in their generosity. Practically every item cut at least 20 per cent, much of it at 25 per cent, and scores of items are on sale at 33 $\frac{1}{3}$  per cent, 50 per cent and even greater discounts from regular prices.

### LOOK FOR SPECIAL LOT OFFERINGS

Dress Goods 19c, 39c, 59c and 79c. Silks 39c and 59c. Corsets 59c. Underwear lots at 35c. Handkerchiefs at 6c, 8c and 10c. Furs at 89c and \$1.39. Cloaks at \$1.98 and \$2.89. Skirts in special lots. Wash waists 59c and 98c. Hand bags 38c. These and many other special lot offerings are bargains worth many times the prices asked.

### SPRING CARPET NEEDS

must be anticipated while this great sale is on. Surely you see the importance of buying now while the saving opportunity on carpets, rugs and linoleums is so great. We have good lines to choose from and our avowed intention of closing out every yard during this sale causes us to think in little figures when prices are mentioned.

### BUY CLOAKS, SUITS, SKIRTS, FURS NOW

at our ready-to-wear store. We have a great overstock on hand and they must be disposed of. We need the room they take up for spring lines. We need the money they represent; and last, but not least, strict adherence to our policy of showing only the newest and most exclusive fashions for advancing seasons impels us to offer the entire stock now on hand at staggering reductions.

**Don't Miss this Great Cloak and Fur Opportunity.**

### BIG PRICE SURPRISES IN DRY GOODS

Every visitor to this store so far this week has had but one verdict to offer: "My, how cheap everything is."

**Have You Seen One of Our Big Price Circulars?**  
If not call us up and we will mail you one.

Remember this is not a sale confined to a few items, but a sale of everything included in the wide category of Dry Goods, and no matter what your wants may be, you can find it here in January at splendid savings over regular prices.

# D. W. ROBINSON,

## TWO STORES

# Alma, Mich.

### MICHIGAN NEWS TERSELY TOLD

Lansing.—Information from the state highway department is that the Standard Oil company will spend considerable in Michigan next spring, experimenting with oil roads, such as run through the Cape Cod country. Senator Arthur J. Tuttle has announced that he would not decline an appointment as federal district attorney, vice Frank Watson, of Owosso. If it was offered him by President Taft.

Mt. Pleasant.—All high school students except three, who revolted against a set of new rules and went out on strike, have returned to school. These three say they will not go back.—Because the membership dwindled the K. of P. lodge gave the trustees authority to dispose of its furniture and club room equipment. The lodge will carry on its work in a smaller building as soon as its club room has been dismantled.

Battle Creek.—The movement to free John Anthony (colored) convicted of slaying Mrs. Jessie Burch, has been balked by the county prosecutor, and the negro will be given a new trial.—Leslie Powers, son of a well-

known attorney, has been held by the federal authorities on a charge of stealing a money order blank from a sub postal station, and Leo Grienberger, a printer, is out on bail, awaiting trial on a charge of forging the name of Russell Landon to small orders and cashing them in Kalamazoo.

St. Clair.—Walter Furtaw and Marshall Dickinson, both of Algonac, have been bound over to the circuit court on a charge of selling liquor to James Williams, an Indian. Furtaw is a bartender in the employ of William Hodgson, and Dickinson is proprietor of the Park hotel.

Owosso.—While coasting down a steep hill Horace Jenkins, 12, collided with a bridge and was thrown from his "bob" against a stone pier, then falling to the ice and breaking through. Playmates helped him out and the boy was taken home, suffering from internal and external injuries, injuries and bleeding profusely. He will probably recover.

East Lansing.—Wells Pratchner of Santa Cruz, Cal., a senior agriculture student, has been awarded the second prize in the Dupont Carriage company's annual essay contest. Each year the Dupont company offer a prize of \$100 for first, and \$50 for second prize for the best essay on the subject of "Dynamiting in Agriculture."

Grand Rapids.—Harry Livingstone has been sent to jail for 60 years for compelling his wife to lead a life of shame. Livingstone has been a regular beneficiary of the charity organizations here for several months.—The Artisan, the second oldest furniture magazine in the United States, founded and owned by A. S. White, was sold by Mr. White to J. Newton Nind of Chicago. The magazine has been published in this city 31 years.

Traverse City.—On complaint of Deputy Game Warden Smith, August Anze of Lees Bay, was arrested and pleaded guilty of the charge of fishing in an unlicensed gasoline launch. He paid ten dollars and costs and an additional ten dollars for a license.—An association of rural mail carriers was formed by E. H. Ehmman, secretary of the Benzie county association. Leelanau county carriers will be invited to join the association. Officers were elected as follows: President, Alexander Carroll; vice-president, Arthur Vannetter; secretary and treasurer, Sumner A. Gilbert.

Hastings.—Galvin Demery, fourteen, had his hand shot off when he accidentally discharged his rifle.

Holly.—Word received here tells of the death in East Chicago, Ind., of Mrs. J. W. Stone, a well-known W. C. T. U. worker and former resident of this city. She leaves a husband and

two daughters. The remains will be brought to Holly for burial.

Owosso.—The auditor general has agreed to wait until March for the \$5,708.39 which Shiawassee county owes the state for services of the National Guard during the Grand Trunk strike in Durand last summer. However, the county has promised to pay six per cent. interest.

Owosso.—John Coe, fifty-five, a bachelor, came within an ace of being burned to death. Coe was in bed and asleep in the house where he lived alone in Bennington township, when a neighbor, Simon Sales, saw that the house was afire. He rushed over, broke in the door and dragged out Coe, who was already half suffocated from smoke. The house is a total loss.

Battle Creek.—That her husband married her when she was only seventeen years old and then tried to force her to become an inmate of a Detroit resort, was the testimony given here by Mrs. Helen O'Brien, whose husband, John O'Brien, is under arrest on a serious charge. Mrs. O'Brien ran away, she swears, and obtained work at Ann Arbor, but was taken ill and was brought home to Battle Creek.

Lansing.—The annual meeting of the Michigan Millers' association will be held in Lansing, January 17 and 18, at the same time that the seventh an-

nual exhibit of the Michigan Corn Improvement association is in progress at the M. A. C. The Corn association will widen its sphere and this year will exhibit for the first time wheat, oats, barley and other small grains. The exhibit will open January 16 and close January 21.

Muskegon.—Mrs. Mary Graal, a prominent society woman, and wife of a former shoe merchant, has begun suit for divorce, alleging infidelity.

### WEATHER SUMMARY

The following is the report for Dec. 1911.

TEMPERATURE	
Mean Maximum	29
Mean Minimum	15
Mean	22
Maximum, date 14th	37
Minimum, date 9th	2
PRECIPITATION	
Total	1.87
Greatest in 24 hours date 28th	.43
Number of days on which .01 or more precipitation fell	12
Number of clear days	8
Number partly cloudy	9
Number cloudy	14
Snow fall	1.87 in
P. M. Smith, Local Observer.	

### The Devil of the Desert.

It is not generally known how a devil rides a camel, but Mr. Hans Vicher acquired the information and imparts it in his volume, "Through the Sahara." One night a camel suddenly ran amuck. Other camels followed suit and a general panic ensued. "The frightened yells of my escort told me that a ghoul, a wicked demon of the desert, had seized the camel. I was told how these evil spirits sometimes took a fancy to mount a camel; the camel would then look to see who was digging it in the ribs, and, perceiving no one, fear would grip its heart, for then it knew that the devil was on its back."

Malleable Glass of the Egyptians. Strabo and Josephus both affirm that the Egyptian glass workers were so well skilled in their art that they imitated the amethyst and other precious stones to perfection. Malleable glass was one of the secret arts of the ancients, the formula for making it being now reckoned as lost. Strabo mentions a cup of glass which could be hammered into any desired shape, the material of which it was composed being as ductile as lead.

How Plants Remain Upright. If a flowerpot is laid on its side the stalk of the plant growing in it grad-

ually curves upward until it resumes the vertical position. This is called geotropic curvature, and the question is by what means the plant is stimulated to change its direction of growth. One theory avers that movable starch grains in the plant cells fall to the lower side as the position is changed and by their pressure influence the mechanism of growth.

His World. Pretty Girl to Charles, her betrothed—Charles, how far is it around the world? Isn't it 24,000?" Charles (putting both arms around her)—That's all a mistake, love. It is only about twenty-four inches."

A Legal View. "The Bible says that no man can serve two masters." "Yes. That's probably the first law against bigamy ever put down."—Cleveland Leader.

Curious. Isn't it curious that when it is one minute after 8 o'clock it is past 8, when it is thirty minutes after it is only half past 8?

Be brief, for it is with words as with sunbeams—the more they are condensed the deeper they burn.—Southey.